

# Easement

1987

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Somerset County Library  
Princess Anne  
public

c. 1860

Initially erected for the Manokin Presbyterian Church as a "lecture room," this single-story frame structure has been used as a library since 1959. In September of 1862, a "Committee of the Presbyterian Church at Manokin" purchased this corner lot on which the lecture room had been recently erected, and the Manokin Church maintained ownership of the property until it was transferred to the Princess Anne Public Library, Inc.

The gable-front frame building shares similar features with other mid nineteenth-century structures in Princess Anne with its simple corner pilasters that visually support a bracketed cornice. The classically inspired entrance with pilasters, entablature and pediment is not an uncommon feature for mid nineteenth-century designs in Princess Anne.

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Town Princess Anne  
STREET NO. Prince William & Beechwood  
Streets

ORIGINAL OWNER  
ORIGINAL USE Church Hall  
PRESENT OWNER Board of Trustees of  
PRESENT USE Library /Somerset Co.  
WALL CONSTRUCTION Frame  
NO. OF STORIES 1

2. NAME Somerset County Library

DATE OR PERIOD  
STYLE  
ARCHITECT  
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

## 4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

The Somerset County Library is a typical one-story building constructed for the purpose of meetings and educational purposes during the years prior to the Civil War. Its gable faces the street and it has a central door with simple architrave flanked by two windows with decorative cornices. The main cornice consists of a series of brackets which continue up the eave of the facade. Since it was first used by the Presbyterian Church meetings, additions have been constructed on the north and west sides.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered NO Interior Exterior Good



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Michael O. Bourne  
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE OF RECORD

x12 Princess Anne  
Swamp Quad

BM 18  
PENN CENTRAL

**x 21**

231

20  
White Marsh

10-Branch

Taylor

Washington  
High Sch

### Princess Anne

Univ of Maryland  
Eastern Shore

Gravel Pits  
HS

Radio Tower.

**Sewage  
Disposal**

Roadside  
Park

Greenwood Sch

St Michels Ch

Mt Hope Ch

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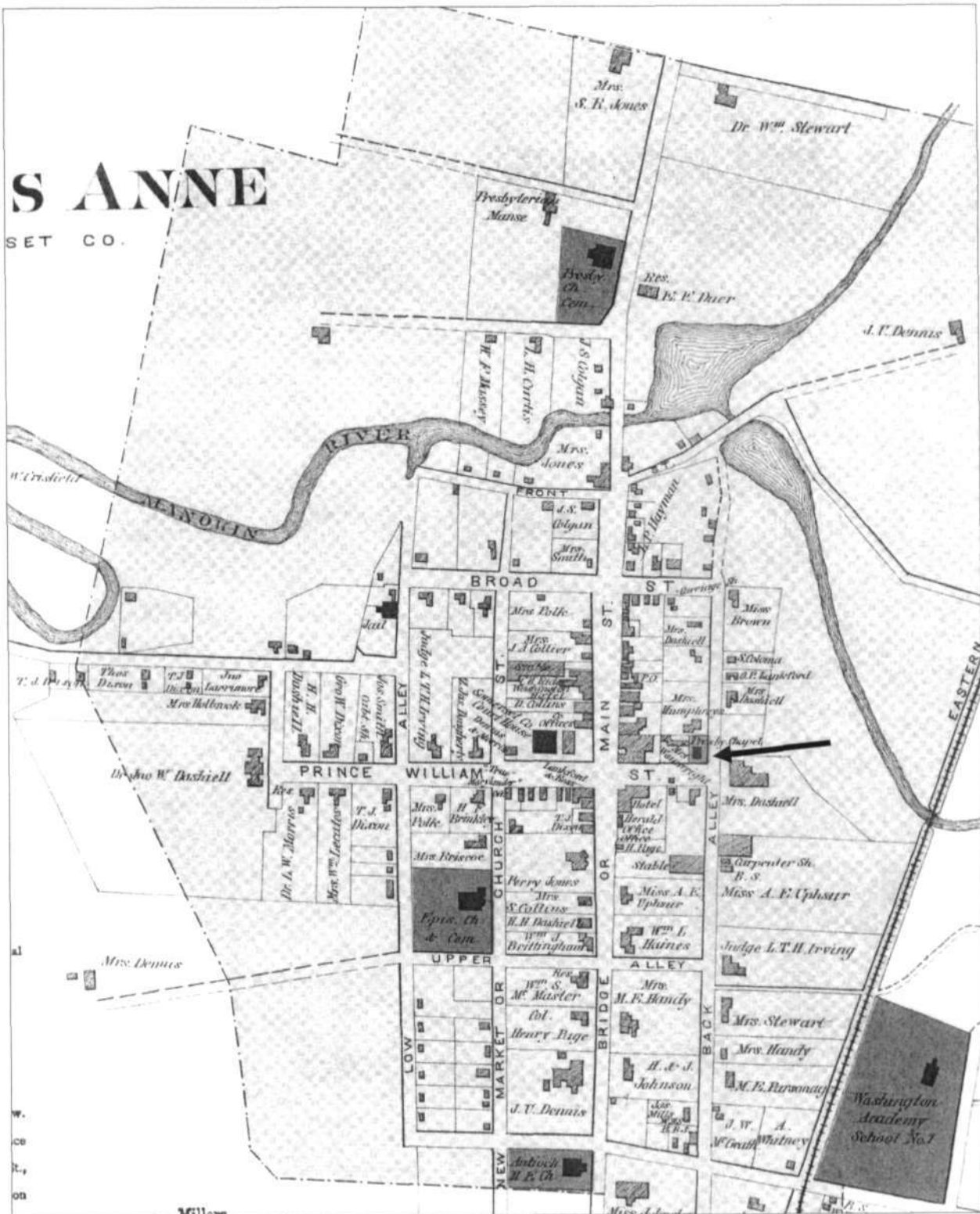
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Princess Anne Library (Somerset County Library)

30548 Prince William Street, Princess Anne

Lake, Griffing & Stevenson (1877) Atlas of Wicomico, Worcester, & Somerset Counties, Maryland.

Princess Anne detail

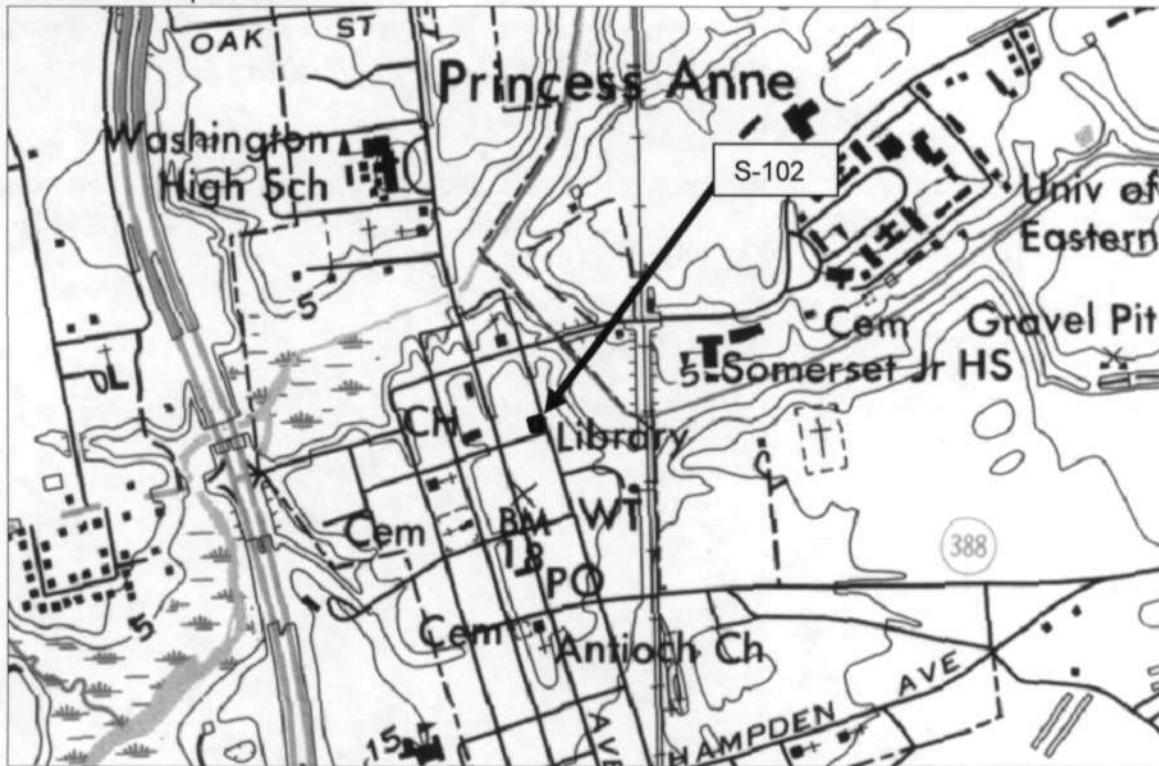






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Princess Anne quad 1972



Tax Map 202, P. 248A

National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010



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*S-102, Old Presbyterian Church lecture hall, southeast elevation.*